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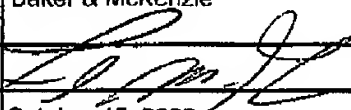
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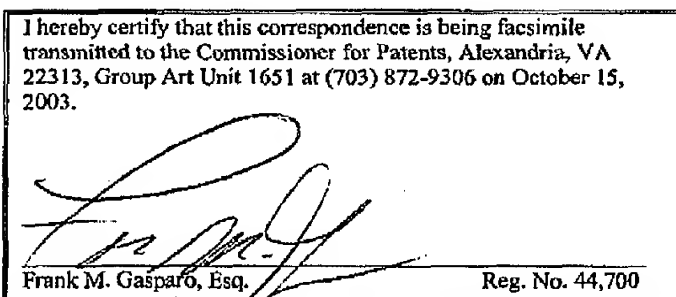
REMARKS

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement on September 15, 2003. The Examiner restricted the application into two groups, claims 1-18 and claims 19-21. In response, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-18 at this time.

Based upon the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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